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House Bill 6363 (As Introduced)

**Topic:** Religious Electrical Exemption

**Sponsor:** Representative Brown

**Co-sponsors:** Representatives Espinoza, Alma Smith, Hopgood, and Opsommer

**Committee:** House Regulatory Reform

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The bill amends the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act to exempt members of a recognized religious sect from the electrical requirements of the Residential Code if a code administrator grants an exemption. The bill lays out the conditions for an exemption, including an application stating how the electrical provision conflicts with the applicant's religious beliefs and a statement that the dwelling will be used solely as a resident for the applicant and the applicant's household. The applicant is required to be a member of the religious sect and an adherent to the tenets or teachings that conflict with the electrical provision. If a dwelling for which an exemption has been granted is subsequently sold or leased, the applicant is required to bring the building into compliance with the code provisions in existence in the year in which the building was constructed unless the prospective owner or lessee files an affidavit of exemption.